Canola

Canola Grades and Grade Requirements

There are no classes of canola. Canola is divided into three numerical grades and U.S. Sample grade. Special grades are provided to emphasize special qualities or conditions

affecting the value, and are added to and made a part of the grade designation. They do not affect the numerical or sample grade designation.

U.S. Standards for Canola

			M		Maximum count limits of -						
	Dan	naged Kern	els	C	onspicuous	Admixtu	e		Other material		
Grade	Heat damaged		Total	C	Sclerotinia			Inconspicous Admixture	Animal Filth	Glass	Unknown Foreign Substance
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)				
U.S. No. 1 U.S. No. 2 U.S. No. 3 U.S. Sample Grade	0.1 0.5 2.0	2.0 6.0 20.0	3.0 10.0 20.0	0.05 0.05 0.05	0.05 0.10 0.15	0.05 0.05 0.05	1.0 1.5 2.0	5.0 5.0 5.0	3 3 3	0 0 0	1 1 1

U.S. Sample grade is canola that:

- (a) Does not meet the requirements for U.S. Nos. 1, 2, or 3; or
- (b) Has a musty, sour, or commercially objectionable foreign odor; or
- (c) Is heating or otherwise of distinctly low quality.

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Definitions

Conspicuous admixture is all matter other than canola including, but not limited to, ergot, sclerotinia, and stones, which is conspicuous and readily distinguishable from canola and which remains in the sample after the removal of machine separated dockage. Conspicuous admixture is added to machine separated dockage in the computation of total dockage.

Damaged kernels are canola and pieces of canola that are heat-damaged, sprout-damaged, mold-damaged, distinctly green-damaged, frost-damaged, rime-damaged, or otherwise materially damaged.

Distinctly green kernels are canola and pieces of canola which, after being crushed, exhibit a distinctly green color.

Dockage is all matter other than canola that can be removed from the original sample by use of an approved device according to procedures described in FGIS instructions. Also, underdeveloped, shriveled, and small pieces of canola kernels that cannot be recovered by properly screening or recleaning. Machine separated dockage is added to conspicuous admixture in the computation of total dockage.

Ergot is sclerotia of the fungus, *Clavicepts* species, which are associated with some seeds other than canola where the fungal organism has replaced the seed.

Heat-damaged kernels are canola and pieces of canola which, after being crushed, exhibit that they are discolored and damaged by heat.

Inconspicuous admixture is any seed which is difficult to distinguish from canola. This includes, but is not limited to, common wild mustard (*Brassica kaber* and *B. juncea*), domestic brown mustard (*Brassica juncea*), yellow mustard (*B. hirta*), and seed other than the mustard group.

Sclerotia are dark colored or black resting bodies of the *Sclerotinia* and *Claviceps*.

Sclerotinia is the genus name which includes the fungus *Sclerotinia sclerotiorum* which produces sclerotia. Canola is only infrequently infected, and the sclerotia, unlike sclerotia of ergot, are usually associated with the stem of the plants.

Table 19. U.S. Canola Exports: Number of lots and quantity exported by class and grade, 1999-2001

	19	99	20	000	2001			
	Number of Lots	Metric Tons	Number of Lots	Metric Tons	Number of Lots	Metric Tons		
U.S. No. 1	5	29,328	3	43,696	1	19,155		
U.S. No. 3			1	19,603				
All lots	5	29,328	4	63,299	1	19,155		

⁻⁻⁼ No lots reported in this category.

Table 20. Summary of export Canola quality, 1999-2001

	Grade Limit	1999				2000				2001			
Grade		No. of Lots	Avg.	Low	High	No. of Lots	Avg.	Low	High	No. of Lots	Avg.	Low	High
U.S. No. 1	N/A	4	0.6	0.0	1.7	3	5.0	4.1	5.2	1	4.8	4.8	4.8
U.S. No. 3	N/A					1	4.5	4.5	4.5				
All lots	N/A	4	0.6	0.0	1.7	4	4.9	4.1	5.2	1	4.8	4.8	4.8
U.S. No. 1	N/A	4	6.9	5.0	8.3	3	7.5	7.4	7.8	1	7.1	7.1	7.1
U.S. No. 3	N/A					1	7.9	7.9	7.9				
All lots	N/A	4	6.9	5.0	8.3	4	7.6	7.1	7.9	1	7.1	7.1	7.1
U.S. No. 1	0.1	4	0.0	0.0	0.0	3	0.0	0.0	0.0	1	0.0	0.0	0.0
U.S. No. 3	2.0					1	0.0	0.0	0.0				
All lots	N/A	4	0.0	0.0	0.0	4	0.0	0.0	0.0	1	0.0	0.0	0.0
U.S. No. 1	2.0	4	0.8	0.0	1.4	3	0.6	0.5	0.6	1	1.0	1.0	1.0
U.S. No. 3	20.0					1	0.4	0.4	0.4				
All lots	N/A	4	0.8	0.0	1.4	4	0.5	0.4	0.6	1	1.0	1.0	1.0
U.S. No. 1	3.0	4	1.0	0.0	1.8	3	0.8	0.7	0.8	1	1.3	1.3	1.3
U.S. No. 3	20.0					1	0.5	0.5	0.5				
All lots	N/A	4	1.0	0.0	1.8	4	0.7	0.5	0.8	1	1.3	1.3	1.3
U.S. No. 1	0.05	4	0.0	0.0	0.0	3	0.0	0.0	0.0	1	0.0	0.0	0.0
U.S. No. 3	0.05					1	0.0	0.0	0.0				
All lots	N/A	4	0.0	0.0	0.0	4	0.0	0.0	0.0	1	0.0	0.0	0.0
U.S. No. 1	0.05	4	0.0	0.0	0.0	3	0.0	0.0	0.0	1	0.0	0.0	0.0
U.S. No. 3	0.15					1	0.0	0.0	0.0				
All lots	N/A	4	0.0	0.0	0.0	4	0.0	0.0	0.0	1	0.0	0.0	0.0
U.S. No. 1	0.05	4	0.0	0.0	0.0	3	0.0	0.0	0.0	1	0.0	0.0	0.0
U.S. No. 3	0.05					1	0.0	0.0	0.0				
All lots	N/A	4	0.0	0.0	0.0	4	0.0	0.0	0.0	1	0.0	0.0	0.0
U.S. No. 1	1.0	5	0.4	0.0	0.6	3	0.5	0.3	0.5	1	0.5	0.5	0.5
U.S. No. 3	2.0					1	0.5	0.5	0.5				
All lots	N/A	5	0.4	0.0	0.6	4	0.5	0.3	0.2	1	0.5	0.5	0.5
U.S. No. 1	5.0	4	0.0	0.0	0.0	3	0.0	0.0	0.0	1	0.0	0.0	0.0
U.S. No. 3	5.0					1	0.1	0.1	0.1				
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